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Thursday
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Staff meeting.

Albert Bruce, Jr., came to see me this morning. It is the first time I had laid eyes on him since he was a little boy. He had a striking career in the Canadian Army in the last war and has now moved to Texas where he is trading and dealing around in oil leases. This shows lots of initiative and I would like to go down and see him there. His wife is the daughter of my friend Louise Vilmorin and if she is anything like as attractive as her mother she must be quite a whiz.

I had a long talk with Don Lourie this morning about his future activities in the Department. He seems to me to be an unusually nice and fine fellow, but naive and ignorant of government.

I had lunch at the Metropolitan Club with George Perkins and Winthrop Aldrich and we talked over Winthrop's plans for London.

This afternoon we had a meeting with Secretary Dulles and a group on the Egyptian problem. Mr. Dulles decided to go ahead on reimbursable military aid for Egypt but not for the present to include jets in the program. He did not want to decide now the question of the extension of grant military aid to Egypt until the Administration had had more of an opportunity to review its entire policy toward the Arabs.

I saw Foster later in the afternoon about a variety of topics, including the replacement of George Kennan by another Ambassador in Moscow.

E. and I had dinner at the Metropolitan Club and later went to the Theatre Guild show "Josephine" at the Shubert Theatre.

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[redacted] amusing play founded on one of Scott Fitzgerald's stories. The lead was taken by Betty Von Furstenberg, half German and half American, whose mother is an old friend of mine. She is about 20 and has already made a great success in the movies abroad.

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